

# **PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 18, 2009**

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## MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:45 am by Marilyn Wilkinson
2. Fiscal Year 2009/10 Proposed Budget – Renée Bahl
  - I was not at the last meeting and I wanted to make sure that all of you understand that if you wish to speak on behalf of the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) at a function or meeting or anywhere on behalf of the PAC you must have an approved motion to do so.
  - At the last meeting there was not a motion made in regards to the budget by the PAC, so if you wish to do so you can do it at this meeting.
  - The proposed budget cuts for Parks and Recreation would be holding current vacancies (14 positions), reducing Community Center hours, mid-week closure of some preserves (Hellhole Canyon, Wilderness Gardens and Palomar) and, not through our budget, a cut of \$100,000 in funding for the Critical Hours program. The Critical Hours cut is within the budget of the Health and Human Services Agency, which oversees the funding for this program).
    - Marilyn Wilkinson – At the last meeting we all spoke and wanted to attend and participate in budget meetings and hearings and I if I remember correctly we all agreed that we wanted to oppose the recommended budget cuts to programs and hours for parks and recreation.
    - Roger Utt – Confirming that a total of three vacancies are filled, and that leaves a total of 14, which affects the center and preserve hours.
    - Rick Landavazo – I think that it is important to give more detail about the fact that keeping Community Centers open is vital to the communities that they serve and that the Critical Hours program supports the need in the local community for this type of program and that the closure of preserves will impact the communities around them. Therefore the PAC encourages restoration of funding for these proposed cuts.
    - Rod Groenewold – I know that we want to put a positive spin on all of the items, but I think that we need to keep it simple and state our main points.
    - Rick Landavazo – I understand and do agree its nicer to be simple, but I also want to get on the record a more detailed version of what it really is that we want to do as a committee.
    - Mike McCoy – I propose putting the three critical areas in the motion and then letting each of the speakers expand on their reasoning when they speak to their Board member or at a meeting.
    - Roger Utt – I agree that it is important that a motion not be in the form of a speech and if we have any additional ideas we need to take those to our Supervisors.

MOTION TO WORK TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE CRITICAL HOURS FUNDING, COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS AND OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE PRESERVES – Marilyn Wilkinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Landavazo  
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

5. Adjournment at 9:00 am

ATTENDEEST

John Carroll, District 1

Mike McCoy, District 1

Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2

Roger Utt, District 4

Rod Groenewold, District 5

Rick Landavazo, District 5

Renée Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Mary Niez, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Peggy Rose, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Charlene Ayres, Public